



Traffic Safety Newsletter

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JAC-CEN-DEL HIGH SCHOOL REMEMBERS EMILY



Emily Huntington, 18, of Osgood, lost her life Dec. 30, 2011, in a crash.

Emily Huntington had so much going for her. She was senior at Jac-Cen-Del High School, was the captain of the girls' basketball team and had recently been accepted to Indiana University. Tragically, Emily lost her life in a crash on December 30, 2011. Crash Investigators said Huntington had been

texting while driving before she lost control of the vehicle, skid off the road and overturn in a field. Emily, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. Emily had one passenger in the vehicle, who was buckled up and was not physically injured in the crash.

Immediately, Emily's family and friends joined together in a mission to help prevent this type of tragedy from happening to others.

Students at Jac-Cen-Del High School created this [PSA](#) (watch it now!) to warn of the dangers of texting and driving. Last week, the video's producer, Spencer Huff-

meyer and Jac-Cen-Del Principal, Johnny Budd were interviewed by CNN. Watch it [here!](#)

Consider this, a texting driver takes their eyes off of the road for 4.6 seconds at a time. At 55mph, they would travel the length of a football field without ever looking at the road.

We encourage you to share Emily's story with others. Her life was lost, but her family hopes that others will learn from her mistakes of driving while distracted and not wearing a seatbelt. Emily's mother, Jodi, has the final words in the PSA, "Don't text. Just drive." That's a message that we will gladly stand behind.

Nils King, Traffic Records Manager: Bringing People Back to Life?

All because of dedication and attention to detail, Nils King, ICJI Traffic Records Manager, has successfully managed to have 4 traffic fatalities (to date) removed from the 2011 FARS count. Upon further investigation, including information in the coroner's reports and the examining the cause of death listed on the death certificate (information that may not necessarily be available when the fatality is listed in FARS), these deaths were removed from being listed as a traffic fatality because their cause of death was either a medical issue or an intentional act. Thank you Nils for your diligence and persistence and, for that, you earn this month's **"Going Above & Beyond"** award!

Did you know?

- WITH E-GRANTS, YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN REGISTER TO RECEIVE ALERTS REGARDING ANY UPCOMING ICJI GRANT OPPORTUNITY-NOT JUST THOSE IN TRAFFIC SAFETY? TO REGISTER FOR ALERTS, CLICK [HERE](#).

Coming up...

Operation Pull Over Blitz 70
Aggressive Driving/DUI

Awareness Campaign:
Feb. 12-24

Pre-Enforcement Media:
Feb. 25-March 2

Enforcement Period:
March 2-18

Reports due:
March 28

CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE AWARDS

We all know one... a person who exhibits true dedication to the safety and well-being of children in their communities. The 16th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards will be presented on May 4, 2012 at an awards brunch during the Injury Prevention Conference. Please help us celebrate injury prevention accomplishments of someone in your community by nominating a deserving individual or organization. Nomination applications are due by April 2, 2012 and are available [here](#). For more information, please contact [Jamie Smith](#) at the Automotive Safety Program.

"Luck runs out but safety is good for life." -Author Unknown

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UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Injury Prevention Conference

May 3-4, 2012
University Place Conference Center-
Indianapolis

[Click here for more information/
registration](#)

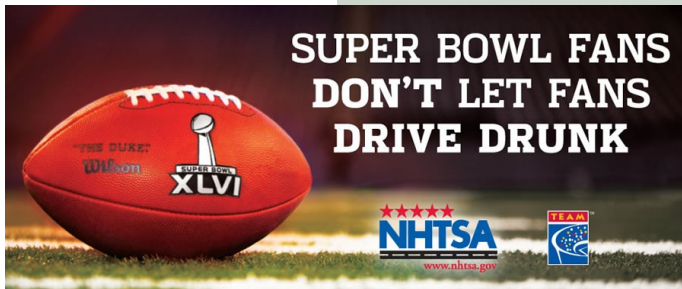
Aries 5 Update

Aries 5 is now available for download. Contact the APPRISS Helpdesk (formerly OPS) at 1-866-495-4206 for information.

For information on changes to Aries 5, click [here](#).

All Indiana Law Enforcement agencies are asked to have the ARIES 5 electronic crash reporting program installed by July 1, 2012.

If you have additional questions, contact [Nils King](#).



RULE THE ROAD SEEKS POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO HOST EVENTS

Want to help Teen Drivers in your community? Consider hosting a [Rule the Road Teen Driving Event](#).

We are seeking 4 communities to host events in 2012.

What's required of my department?

The use of department vehicles, traffic cones and a desire to make a difference in your community.

To date, over 100 Hoosier teens have attended Rule the Road. Our 2011 events in Elkhart and Richmond were extremely successful and received positive feedback from the officers working the event as well as the students. Don't miss out on the opportunity to provide a FREE experience to the youth of your community!

For more information about Rule the Road, visit the [web-site](#) or [Facebook page](#) or contact [Angie Morris](#).



Above: Elkhart



Below: Richmond



Have a suggestion for the newsletter? Someone you want to spotlight? Let us know [here](#)!



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LEL SPOTLIGHT

SW Region: [Dave Wedding of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department](#) conducted a presentation regarding safe driving, during a company wide meeting at J.E. Shekell in Evansville.

ICJI welcomes new coordinator for the [Evansville Police Department, Sergeant Rodney Riecken](#).

FARS COUNT

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF **2012** TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 1, 2012

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	39	32	32	30	-7	-2
Urban	27	13	28	13	-14	-15
Statewide	66	45	60	43	-21	-17

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	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	480	479	435	426	-1	-9
Urban	274	271	266	249	-3	-17
Statewide	754	750	701	675	-4	-26

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

RDP Applications are due February 17th. Law Enforcement Agencies in the following counties are eligible to apply: Adams, Carroll, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Decatur, Franklin, Gibson, Greene, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Sullivan, Switzerland, Wabash, Warren, Warrick and Washington

The Traffic Safety Division announces the availability of Child Restraint Distribution Grants. Grant applications must be submitted via e-Grants. These grant funds can be used to purchase and distribute child restraints, host or support child safety seat clinics, purchase supplies related to child restraint systems, educational materials and training for Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Applications will be due by close of business Friday, May 4th. For more information, please contact [Angie Morris](#).

CHANGES IN THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

- **e-Grants:** As we embark on launching the e-Grants system, we will all be undergoing many changes. We ask for your patience and understanding as we proceed with learning this new system together. It will likely take a few months before everyone is comfortable with the application process and learning to report.
- **Kelly Scott**, Traffic Safety Communications Manager has left our division. Kelly has accepted a position in the private sector. Her last day was January 19th. Should you require assistance with media events or planning, please contact your LEL.
- **Amanda Alvey**, Occupant Protection Program Manager, has left our division. Her last day was Jan. 31st. Amanda has accepted a position with another state agency. Should you require assistance, please contact your LEL. In the interim, OPO and BCC programming will be managed by [Dan Jeffries](#) and RDP will be handled by [Angie Morris](#).



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes): www.preventinjury.org
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>
 DRE: Indiana www.indianadre.com National www.decp.org
 Indiana Coroners Association: www.indcoroners.org
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: www.in.gov/isdt
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: jtacecws@jtac.in.gov
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov
 Traffic Safety Marketing: www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov

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IT ONLY TAKES ONE

In the fall, Indiana SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) began promoting a second year of the *IT ONLY TAKES ONE* teen distracted driving campaign. With 75 schools participating last school year and incredible feedback, Indiana SADD has invited 100 high schools throughout the state to participate this year! With **only a handful of spots left**, Indiana SADD encourages local law enforcement and schools to log on to www.indianasadd.org and click on the *IT ONLY TAKES ONE* logo to register for this great campaign! Participating schools are mailed FREE campaign kits, which include t-shirts, posters and materials to spread the word about the distractions that exist for teen drivers. Have your local high school register today, and join schools and communities across Indiana in this state-wide campaign! Also, look for *IT ONLY TAKES ONE* ads in AMC theaters throughout the state this May during National Teen Traffic Safety Month! For more information or a registration form, email Jamie Vickery at jvickery@indianasadd.org. Indiana SADD would like to thank the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, State Farm Insurance and AAA for making this year's campaign possible. **“Drive Responsibly. There’s Only ONE You!”**

